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Amount allotted to Malabar out of the Handloom Cess Fund.

* 102 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state— 10–50 a.m.

(*a*) the amount allotted to the Malabar district from the Handloom Cess Fund; and

(*b*) how the amount is proposed to be spent in the district?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) No separate amount from the cess fund has been allotted to the Malabar district, as district-wise allotments are not made from the fund. A number of schemes for the rehabilitation of the handloom industry in all the districts in this State including Malabar, through Weavers' Co-operative Societies have been approved and all the schemes will be financed with the help of the share of cess fund for this State.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, the Hon. the Minister for Industries has on so many occasions admitted on the floor of this House that the condition of the handloom industry in Malabar is a peculiar one. In view of that, why have the Government not allotted a separate amount for Malabar? May I also know whether the Government have received any representation from the Chirakkal Taluk Handloom Workers' Union, Chirakkal taluk, and have they made any suggestions and if so, what are the suggestions and how are the Government going to spend the cess fund in Malabar? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, as to how the cess fund should be used in Malabar, it was discussed at a conference held at Cannanore early this year and this was attended by the Secretary, Industries, Labour and Co-operation Department, the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, the Joint Director of Industries and Commerce, a representative of the Collector of Malabar, a representative each of the handloom factories' owners and weavers. The recommendations of the conference are being examined."

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" ஏழைகளான கைத்தறி நெசவாளர்களைக் காக்க வேண்டியது சர்க்காருடைய கடமையானபடியால், மத்திய சர்க்கார் தாங்கள் வசூலிக்கும் cess பணத்திலிருந்து ஏழைக் கைத்தறி நெசவாளர்களுக்கு உதவுவதுபோல், நமது ராஜ்ய சர்க்கார் தாங்கள் மில் துணிகளின் பேரில் விதிக்கும் விற்பனை வரிப்பணத்திலிருந்து கைத்தறி நெசவாளர்களுக்கு நேரடி உதவி அளிப்பதற்கு முன் வருவார்களா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" பிரதான கேள்வி மலபாருக்கு கைத்தறி செஸ் நிதியிலிருந்து எவ்வளவு பணம் கொடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்பதைப்பற்றியது. கனம் அங்கத்தினரின் உப கேள்வி அதிலிருந்து எழவில்லை."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to place a copy on the table of the House of the schemes and proposals which this Government propose to formulate in the matter of giving relief to handloom weavers? "

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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir, it is a very general suggestion. I shall do so as soon as the schemes and proposals have been finalized."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Regarding Malabar, may I put before the Hon. Minister for Industries the following suggestions, viz. :—

(1) To open warping, sizing, dyeing and calendering institution;

(2) to open a Designing Institute at Cannanore? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" This question refers to the amount allotted to the Malabar district from the Handloom Cess Fund. The Hon. Minister had replied that the amount is not to be spent on a district war basis. But the hon. Member is giving suggestions."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I think the hon. Member has got some suggestions to make to Government. He may send it to Government."

MR. SPEAKER :—" He may do so. But he should not offer suggestions here.

" I am afraid I must pass on to the next question."

Levy of sales-tax on making and repairing charges.

* 103 Q.—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that sales-tax is being collected for making or repairing any articles, for instance, making jewels or repairing machines; and

(*b*) whether any instructions have been issued to the officers of the Commercial Taxes department in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Sales-tax is collected in respect of transactions relating to making or repairing any article if there is transfer of property in goods involved in the execution of the work, that is, if the contractor adds to the article received, materials of his own in the execution of the work and transfers these materials along with the article received to the owner. The tax is levied on the cost of the materials involved in the execution of the contract, the cost of labour involved being excluded from the turnover. If jewels are manufactured out of the gold or silver supplied by the customer, the transaction will not be liable to sales-tax.

" (*b*) The Madras General Sales Tax Act, 1939, the rules issued thereunder and the Madras Commercial Taxes Manual, Volume I, contain the law on this subject and copies of these publications have been supplied to the officers of the Commercial Taxes department."